

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 558 - SB 666

April 7, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an authorized party requesting a patient's medical records be responsible for the reasonable costs of copying and mailing the records if the provider attests the records are only available in paper or film forms. Authorizes a hospital to charge a \$20 fee, or no more than the reimbursement amount that the Division of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Human Services reimburses the hospital, for copies of a patient's healthcare records for use in appealing a denial of social security disability. Authorizes a provider to charge no more than a flat fee of \$20, plus the actual cost of shipping if records are provided in an electronic format. Prohibits a provider of records from charging a fee for searching for records.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any additional fees collected for copies of healthcare records will be expensed by a private person, entity, or government agency.
- Any fees charged for copies of healthcare records to a state government agency can be absorbed within existing resources, without a significant increase in expenditures; therefore, the provision of the purposed legislation will not result in a significant impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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